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**From:** Wu, Jennifer [Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/19/2018 6:12:14 PM  
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**CC:** Keenan, Dru [keenan.dru@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from yesterday's call on WA hydro dams

Thanks so much. These are helpful.

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**From:** MOORE Beth [mailto:Beth.MOORE@state.or.us]  
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Thank you for the last couple of emails I passed them along. Applications for McNary and John Day dams are available using FTP links provided below.

[ftp://degftp2.deq.state.or.us\BMOORE\John\\_Day\\_Dam.pdf](ftp://degftp2.deq.state.or.us\BMOORE\John_Day_Dam.pdf)

[ftp://degftp2.deq.state.or.us\BMOORE\McNary\\_Dam.pdf](ftp://degftp2.deq.state.or.us\BMOORE\McNary_Dam.pdf)

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**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from yesterday's call on WA hydro dams

Hi Beth and Kurt,

As Jenny mentioned, I started out the Idaho hydroelectric facilities GP work coordinating on a regular basis, but not frequently, with Heidi Williams. And just before embarking on the ID GP, EPA and ODEQ participated in a site visit to the Bonneville Dam at the invitation of the Army Corp, who had recently settled a lawsuit with the Columbia Riverkeepers. The suit was focused on the Corps discharging without a permit (on the WA side of the River) (and possibly at some points on the OR side). The settlement included the requirement for the Corps to apply for NPDES permits. The folks from ODEQ on the tour included Jennifer Wigal, Heidi, Don Butcher, and Steve Schnurbusch. At that time and in subsequent updates with Heidi, EPA conveyed that our permitting strategy was to pursue a General Permit – first for ID hydros, then WA federal hydros. As Jenny explained, we have just very recently had to change our permitting strategy and are now pursuing individual permits. The switch was necessitated by a directive from our DC office.

I just wanted to let you know of this background to avoid any confusion over what is EPA's direction on the permits for hydro facilities.

Please let me or Jenny know if you have questions about this background.

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**Subject:** Follow-up from yesterday's call on WA hydro dams

Hi Beth and Kurt,

It was good talking with you yesterday. I talked with Dru today, and if you could send just the permit applications for John Day, the Dalles, and McNary, that would be great.

Also, FYI that Dru will be sending out an email on the new direction to do individual permits vs. a general permit for the Lower Columbia River dams. Since this is a shift in EPA's strategy from past conversations with Jennifer Wigal and Heidi, she wanted to send information for you to pass on as appropriate to whoever might be affected by this change in DEQ.

Re: coordination, Dru said she kept Heidi in the loop, and I'll do the same with you both. Please feel free to let me know if you have questions. Thanks! – Jenny 206-553-6328

1. Gather and review preliminary information - week of July 2
2. Contact permittees, stakeholders, and interested parties - week of July 9
3. Work with all parties to fine-tune process and work out procedural steps - July 9 - August 8
4. Develop draft permits and fact sheets for internal review - July 9 - August 15
5. Internal Review - August 15- August 24
6. Request concurrence on ESA consultation; work with tribes on consultation; request draft 401 cert from Ecology - August 15- August 24
7. Address comments on pre-draft - Weeks of August 24 - September 17
8. Go out for public comment week of September 17.
9. Address comments from public comment period, and make changes while coordinating with external agencies - October 19-November 7
10. Request final 401 cert from Ecology by November 7, 2018.
11. Issue permit by November 30, 2018.
12. Permit effective by December 31, 2018.